

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:117
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FRUIT PULP INDUSTRIES
Baxla Shri Joachim

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to start or to facilitate private sector to start mango pulp or fruit pulp industries in the country, particularly in West Bengal and Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has provided any subsidy or loans to various fruit pulp industries during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.117 for 22.11.07

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has been implementing various schemes for promotion and development of food processing industries including mango pulp or fruit pulp manufacturing industries in the country. The schemes are project oriented. Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Modernisation / Establishment of food processing industries, MFPI extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas. In order to ensure speedy disbursement of the financial assistance, the Ministry has decided to decentralize the disbursement procedure through banks under the Scheme of setting up / modernization / expansion of food processing industries w.e.f. 01.04.07. Now the applicants will be able to avail of grant / assistance through the neighborhood banks which have already appraised the project and provided loans to them.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has provided financial assistance to various Fruits and Vegetables processing units including Mango/ Fruit pulp units in the country, details of which, year-wise and state-wise, for the last three years is given in Annexure.